

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

June 26, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-001628

Dear Molly Redden (HuffPost)

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on June 21, 2023, in which you sought the formal records in *American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.*, Case No. 05-CA-300367. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00. You also requested a fee waiver and expedited processing.

We acknowledged your request on June 21, 2023. Your request for expedited processing was granted on June 22, 2023. In a telephone conversation and subsequent email with a member of the FOIA staff, on June 22, 2022, you modified your request to the formal records in 05-CA-300367 and 05-CA-302762, as these are consolidated cases.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has located 51 pages of responsive, releasable records from the requested case file, which are attached.

After a review, I have determined that certain information in the attached records is exempt from disclosure under Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the records. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category C, as a representative of the news media, in that you qualify as a person "actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public." NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(vii). Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

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Given your placement as a news media requester, your request for a fee waiver is moot.

You may contact Teresita Sanabria, the FOIA Specialist who processed your request, at (202) 273-4000 or by email at teresita.sanabria@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Specialist, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami, FOIA Public Liaison National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 Email: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt, Chief FOIA Officer National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, D.C. 20570

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Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Specialist, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment(s): (51 pages)